GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF SPORTS BY SAI
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sports Authority of India (SAI) has any plan to augment the infrastructure facility to promote sports in the country;

(b) if so,the details thereof;

(c) whether the SAI has proposed to set up sports centre at all Taluka/Block level to encourage sportspersons from rural areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof;and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS(DR. M. S. GILL)

(a) Yes,Sir.

(b) Infrastructure facilities like providing of synthetic surfaces, hostel, modern fitness centre and sports science centres etc. are being provided at various places in the country by way of facilities to sportspersons.

(c) to (e) SAI has no scheme to establish Sports Centres at all Talukas. However, the Government has recently launched a national programme titled the Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan, which aims at providing basic sports infrastructure in all village and block panchayats in the country in a phased manner, over a period of 10 years.